

The Republican national committee has decided, by a vote of 25 to 24, that the Republican national convention shall be held in Philadelphia, June 19th, 1900.

The House of Representatives passed the currency bill Monday by a vote of 190 to 150. Eleven Democrats, eight from New York and one each from Pennsylvania, Maryland and Massachusetts, voted for the bill.

It looks like the irony of fate that just at the time the money of final redemption of the country was being cut down some hundreds of millions of dollars, so far as could be done by one house of Congress, the money changers of Wall Street should be caught short and many of them forced to the wall.

One reason why the common people of this country are losing confidence in their government is the difference in the treatment they get and that bestowed upon the gamblers and money changers of Wall Street. When the masses cry out for more money to transact their business and pay their debts they are called reprobates and avaricious, and instead of bread they are given a stone.

Russell Pays Lawyers Big Fees. Col. Old's Raleigh Correspondence.

There is quite an outcry at the heavy attorney's fees which Governor Russell is paying—\$10,000 this year. The legislative committee which examined the offices of the State Treasurer and Auditor refers to these big fees and says it is time to call a halt.

Pritchard's Plot. Wilmington Messenger.

The Brownlowite from Tennessee who misrepresents the white race of North Carolina in the United States senate, thinks he can defeat the will of the white race, which he so ignorantly despises in North Carolina by causing the senate to pass a resolution that the amendment to the constitution of North Carolina affecting suffrage is unconstitutional.

Lieut. Gillmore Free.

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GEN. LAWTON KILLED.

HE FELL AT THE FRONT.

A Target for Sharpshooters, He Dugger—The Next Moment He Fell Dead Into the Arms of a Staff Officer—He Had Just Completed a Wild Night's Ride Through a Pathless Country and Begun the Attack on San Mateo, a Strongly Defended Town.

Manila, Dec. 19.—Major General Lawton has been shot and killed, at San Mateo. He was standing in front of his troops, was shot in the breast and died immediately.

General Lawton left here Monday night, having returned from his northern operations Saturday to lead an expedition through Mariguina Valley, which has been an insurgent stronghold throughout the season.

With a small escort, he led the way through an almost pathless country, a distance of fifteen miles over hills and through cane brakes and deep mud, the horses climbing the rocks and sliding down the hills.

The sharpshooters directed several close shots, which clipped the grass near. His staff officers called General Lawton's attention to the danger he was in, but only laughed with his usual contempt for bullets.

Suddenly he exclaimed, "I am shot!" clenched his hands in a desperate effort to stand erect, and fell into the arms of a staff officer.

Orderlies rushed across the field for surgeons, who dashed up immediately, but their efforts were useless. The body was taken to a clump of bushes and laid upon a stretcher, the familiar white helmet covering the face of the dead general.

General Lawton was known as a good fighter and soldier of experience and ability. He served in the Union army throughout the civil war, having entered the service as sergeant of Company F, Ninth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, in April, 1861.

General Lawton was promoted colonel in the Fourth Cavalry, which he commanded until September, 1888, when he was appointed inspector general with rank of major.

Later he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel and held that rank until the opening of the war with Spain, when President McKinley appointed him brigadier general of volunteers and assigned him to the command of a division of the Fifth Army Corps, commanded by General Shafter.

He served with distinction in the operations before Santiago.

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BULLER DEFEATED.

He Attacks the Boers in Force at Colenso and is Hurled Back—Tries to Cross the River But Loses Eleven Cannon and Abandons Attempt.

Lieut. Gen. Sir Redvers Buller, commanding about 20,000 men, constituting the main British Army in South Africa, was defeated Friday in a battle with the Boers at Colenso, Natal.

He attacked the Boers with a view of forcing his way to the relief of the British garrison of about 8,500 men, under Maj. Gen. Sir George Stewart White, who are besieged at Ladysmith.

The attack, according to Gen. Buller's own account, was a "serious reverse." He withdrew his troops to Chevelly six miles south of Colenso.

The size of the Boer army is not accurately known, but has been estimated at 30,000 men—the same as the British. Gen. Piet J. Joubert, the Boer commander-in-chief, planned the defenses at and near Colenso, but the dispatches do not say who led the victorious troops in the battle.

BULLER TELLS HIS OWN STORY.

"I Regret," He Cables, "To Report a Serious Reverse."

Chevelly Camp, Dec. 15.—I regret to report a serious reverse. I moved in full strength from our camp near Colony at 4 o'clock on the 15th. There are two formidable places in the Tugela river, and it was my intention to force a passage through at one of them. They are about two miles apart.

My intention was to force one or the other with one brigade, supported by a central brigade. General Hart was to attack the left drift, General Hildyard the right, and General Lyttelton was to take the center and to support either.

Early in the day I saw that General Hart would not be able to force a passage, and I directed him to withdraw. He had, however, attacked with great gallantry, and a mile from Colenso, the Commander-in-Chief, I fear, suffered a great defeat. Col. I. G. Brooke was seriously wounded.

I then ordered General Hildyard to advance, which he did, and his leading regiment, the East Surreys, occupied Colenso Station and the houses near the bridge.

At that moment I heard that the whole artillery had sent to support the attack—the Fourteenth and Sixty-sixth Field Batteries and six naval 12-pounder quick-firers, under Col. Long—had advanced close to the river in Long's desire to be within effective range.

The fire, however, was too severe, and only two guns were saved by Captain Selsford and some drivers, whose names I will furnish.

Another most gallant attempt with three teams was made by an officer, whose name I will omit. Of the 18 horses, 13 were killed and several drivers were wounded. I would not allow another attempt, as it seemed that they would be a shell mark, sacrificing life to a gallant attempt to force the passage.

Unsupported by artillery I directed the troops to withdraw, which they did in good order.

The day was intensely hot and most trying to the troops, whose conduct was excellent.

We have abandoned 10 guns and lost by shell fire one. The losses in General Hart's brigade are, I fear, heavy, although the proportion of severely wounded, I hope, not large.

The Fourteenth and Sixty-sixth Field Batteries also suffered severe losses. We have retired to our camp at Chevelly.

BRITAIN ACTS VIGOROUSLY.

Roberts Will Command and Army Will Be Increased to 145,000.

London, Dec. 17.—The British Government is at last fully awake to the necessity of a vigorous campaign in South Africa.

There is no doubt that even the Cabinet up to last Saturday underestimated the Boer defensive strength. As a result of the Cabinet meeting on that day, when the successive reverses of Generals Gatacre, Methuen and Buller were carefully considered, the following important measures were decided upon, which were announced tonight for the first time:

Field Marshal Lord Roberts has been appointed commander-in-chief in South Africa.

The whole of the reserve not yet incorporated will be called up. The Seventh division, now mobilizing, will proceed at once to South Africa. Reinforcements of artillery, including three howitzer batteries, will also be sent out.

General Buller is authorized to raise a local mounted corps in South Africa. A considerable mounted force from England will be sent. Nine battalions of militia, in addition to three which have already volunteered, will be asked to volunteer for foreign service. A special force of volunteer regiments will be formed for South African service. Offers of mounted men from the colonies will be accepted.

These measures should give the British forces in South Africa 50,000 more m.n. On the way there or in process of embarking are the Fifth and Sixth divisions, about 30,000 strong; while the total of mounted arms in South Africa, including Cape, Natal and local forces, may be placed at 75,000, deducting losses. Thus the British strength in the field is to be almost doubled.

The greatest satisfaction will be caused by the announcement that the government has decided to send General Roberts as commander-in-chief in South Africa, with General Kitchener as chief of staff, thus calling upon, perhaps, the two

most brilliant officers of the British army to meet the grave situation which has arisen. As to the services rendered by Lord Roberts the record of the hero of the march to Ladysmith is familiar to everyone in England. He enjoys the whole-hearted trust of the army and nation.

Kitchener, the conqueror of the Sudan, should make an ideal chief of staff. Great Britain looks to his fertile genius to aid General Roberts in organizing a brilliant end to the campaign, which has so inauspiciously begun.

News from the scenes of the military operations is exceedingly gloomy. No additional information has been forthcoming with respect to the disaster at Colenso last Friday, except a list of the killed and Gen. Buller's estimate of his total losses, which number 1,097. From the official dispatches there is every evidence that some one has blundered.

MURDERED AND BURNED.

George Taylor, a Respected Citizen of Eastern North Carolina, Killed and His Baby Burned in His House.

Norfolk, Dec. 19.—Near the village of Oakley, N. C., on the Washington branch of the Atlantic Coast Line, Saturday night was enacted a tragedy that equals in horror, if not in ferocity, the one which occurred some months ago in another part of Pitt county at Tarboro.

Living on the same plantation were Samuel Taylor and George Taylor, his son, but in separate houses, not far apart, both respected and industrious citizens.

Saturday night Sam Taylor and his wife were visiting and George and his brothers went to town to get the mail, in which he expected to find a check for some tobacco he had previously shipped for sale.

The letter containing the expected check did not come. George told his brothers that he was feeling so badly that he would go home, and left. Soon thereafter his brothers started for home. While about a quarter of a mile from home they met a boy, a son of Grey Corey, who told them that they had better hasten; that when he passed he heard George calling for help.

This did not make much impression on them, but advancing a little further, they beheld smoke over George's house; then they hurried. Arriving at the scene, they found that the house had been entered, probably robbed, and fired, and George's body in the house near the front entrance, burning. The body was dragged out. The lower part of the body was burned so that the flesh came off and had to be picked up and placed in a bucket. The left side was burned so that the flesh came off and the heart could be seen.

Sunday afternoon Henry Taylor and Mack Taylor, colored, were arrested, and the evidence indicated that they are guilty. It is feared that they will be lynched.

Methodists and Baptists.

Raleigh News and Observer.

The Biblical Recorder this week quotes Rev. J. E. White as saying that during the past year the Baptists in North Carolina have raised \$35,517-15 for missions, divided thus: State Missions, \$20,074-98; Home Missions, \$5,768-50; Foreign Missions, \$10,673-67.

The Methodists, he says, raised a total of \$34,144-70, divided into \$21,331-71 for Foreign Missions and \$12,812-99 for Home Missions.

Contest in Kentucky.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 14.—Members of the Democratic State Committee, in executive session, representing seventy counties decided by unanimous vote that contests for the offices of governor and lieutenant governor should be made, and appointed a committee to draft resolutions calling upon the candidates for these offices to make a fight, Chairman Blackburn presided over the meeting and made a vigorous talk in calling it to order. He said he was decidedly in favor of demanding that Goebel make a contest. He declared he would rather see a Democratic administration in Kentucky than to be elected to the Senate or even the Presidency.

A Horror in Kentucky.

Louisville, Ky., December 17.—At Alliance postoffice, Floyd county, Nelson Hamilton was pouring out some powder from a keg when his four-year-old son picked up a small amount and tossed it into the fire.

The explosion threw some embers into the pile of powder and a terrific explosion followed. The father and little son and two other children who were in the room were knocked insensible. The ceiling was lifted from its place, the walls spread and the upper part of the house came down and stopped about half way on the walls, thus leaving a hole in the roof. When the oldest daughter regained consciousness sufficiently to realize that the house was in flames, she tried to open a door, but at once saw the hopelessness of such an attempt, and began to scream for help. A neighbor arrived in time to burst in a door and get the tormented persons out, but they were so badly burned that all died within a few hours.

Dots From Lanes Creek.

Wightman school bell rings out cheerily these bright mornings. May it ring out the old days of illiteracy yet out success, and ring in the new ones of mental improvement and progress generally.

Eq. Hyatt takes a "riff" when he goes "hooning." He brings down the "game," too. Moral: Keep your stock on your own premises.

The ex-Prof. brought in 18 birds Saturday with 21 shots. He is pleased with his new gun.

Mr. J. T. Mills has moved to his new home at the George Lee place. His new store is near Wightman Academy.

Mr. Editor, I see nominations for sheriff are in order and I will place in nomination a young man well qualified for the office. His character is above reproach, he is known all over the county and I believe not a better selection could be made in the county. I refer to Mr. W. P. Dunlap, of Cedar Hill. Upper Anson would be delighted to support him in the primary.

A merry, happy Christmas to the M. & I. and all its readers, is the wish of Louis Cracker.

Editor's Awful Plight.

F. M. Higgins, Editor Seneca, (Ill.) News, was afflicted for years with that no doctor or remedy helped him until he tried Bucklen's Arnica Salve. He writes two boxes wholly cured him. It's the surest cure on earth and the best in the world. Cure guaranteed. Only 25 cents. Sold by Jas. A. Hardison, druggist.

MONEY 156 PER CENT.

A Day of Excitement in New York Stock Market.

Baltimore Sun.

New York, Dec. 18.—This was a day of disturbance at all financial centres, domestic and foreign.

The tightness of money in all markets was acutely felt, large failures were announced and security values melted under the strain of forced liquidation to an extent that hardly seemed credible a few weeks ago.

The Secretary of the Treasury announced at the close of business that he would increase the funds in depository banks, now existing, and would designate new depository banks, which may apply and qualify themselves by deposit of United States bonds, as the law requires.

To secure banks the incoming receipt from eternal revenue, estimated at about \$1,000,000 a day, will be distributed. The large balance in the Treasury will enable the Government to deposit to a total of \$30,000,000 or \$40,000,000, should so much be applied for.

MONKEY UP 186 PER CENT.

Panic conditions developed on the Stock Exchange in the afternoon with the imperative need of money developed by the violent contraction of values. Stocks were being thrown overboard without regard to the price and at heavy sacrifice of values.

Knotts Store.

There will be preaching at Poplar Hill next Sunday.

People are through work, have killed their fat hogs and are now ready to enjoy the holidays.

Mr. B. N. Lowry has been having chills; hope he will be well enough to go rabbit hunting Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dabbs left Monday for Monroe, where they will spend several days visiting relatives and friends.

Miss Anna and Elsie Carpenter, of near White Store, have been visiting Miss Minnie Laird.

Mr. A. A. Laird made a business trip to Cherokee last week.

Mr. W. W. Crowder spent a part of last week with relatives and friends at Monroe.

Mr. C. B. Redfern, of White Store, spent several days of last week visiting in this section.

Mr. R. B. Carpenter left Friday for Monroe, where he will spend a few weeks.

Mr. Albert N. Laird, who has been at Cheraw for some time, returned home Sunday night where he will spend Xmas.

Mr. Flora Broadway spent last week at Peachland.

Mrs. Benton Carpenter has been right sick, we are sorry to learn.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Mills spent a part of last week with relatives in Anson county.

Some of our people expect to attend the oyster supper at Polkton next Tuesday night.

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News From Shady Grove.

As I have not seen any thing from Shady Grove in some time I will write you a few items.

The public school taught by Mrs. E. J. DeBerry at the academy here will soon close.

Miss Mary DeBerry, who has been visiting relations in Texas for the past five months, is expected home soon.

Mrs. Betsey Flowers, wife of Mr. Joseph Flowers, an aged and respected lady of this neighborhood, died at her daughter's, Mrs. Z. T. Long's, of Rockingham, last Thursday. Her remains were brought over and buried in the old Diggs cemetery, near here. A large crowd of friends and relations attended the burying.

Mr. T. G. Liles has killed the finest hog in this section so far. It weighed 436 pounds.

Messrs. A. D. Liles and Thos. Diggs are building a flat at the old Diggs' ferry. They intend keeping a public ferry, which will be a great convenience to people going to Rockingham and lower Richmond.

Pea Dee and R. Kingham will soon be connected by telephone, as I understand that Boggan Bros. are putting up posts from Pea Dee to the river. Guess Mr. Dunlap will soon have the wires up connecting the two places.

There will be an entertainment at Shady Grove church on Wednesday night, Dec. 27th, consisting of music, drills, tableaux, etc. The proceeds will be for the benefit of the church.

News is scarce; every body is busy getting ready for Christmas.

Success to your paper, and good wishes for you and a merry Xmas and happy New Year.

SHADY GROVE.

\$150,000 Fire in Florence.

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 19.—Florence S. C. sustained a heavy loss by fire early this morning. The blaze started in the Florence Hotel. This building, with the Bank of Florence, the opera house and the city hall, was totally destroyed.

The Florence fire department was aided by the Darlington firemen. The fire was checked at 6 a. m., after the principal business houses in the heart of the city were destroyed. The total loss will be \$150,000, partially insured.

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